

# Proof of some conjectured formulas for $\frac{1}{\pi}$ by Z.W.Sun.

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Recently Z.W.Sun found over hundred conjectured formulas for  $\frac{1}{\pi}$ . Many of them were proved by H.H.Chan, J.Wan and W.Zudilin (see [3], [9]). Here we show that several other formulas in [6] are simple transformations of known formulas for  $\frac{1}{\pi}$ , most of them due to Ramanujan. E.g. the following monstrous formula (not in [6])

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n P(n) \frac{1}{262537412640769728^n} = \frac{13803981511092062440689}{\pi \sqrt{163}}$$

where

$$P(n) = 4129922862271324476805 + 16564777691765267456000n$$

and

$$A_n = 1728^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-1/12}{k} \binom{-7/12}{k} \binom{-5/12}{n-k} \binom{-11/12}{n-k}$$

is a transformation of Chudnovsky's formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n (13591409 + 545140134n) \frac{1}{640320^{3n}} = \frac{53360\sqrt{640320}}{12\pi}$$

where

$$a_n = \binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n} \binom{6n}{3n}$$

The transformation is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-1728x}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left( -\frac{x}{1-1728x} \right)^n$$

## General Transformation.

Assume that we have a Ramanujan-like formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a + bn) x_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

We make the substitution

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-Mx}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left( -\frac{x}{1-Mx} \right)^n$$

**Proposition 1.** Let

$$w_0 = -\frac{x_0}{1-Mx_0}$$

Then we have the formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(A+Bn)w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

where

$$A = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}bMx_0 + a(1-Mx_0) \right\} (1-Mx_0)^{-3/2}$$

and

$$B = b(1-Mx_0)^{-3/2}$$

**Proof:** The transformation above is an involution, e.g. we also have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-Mx}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left( -\frac{x}{1-Mx} \right)^n$$

Let  $\theta = x \frac{d}{dx}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(a+bn)x^n &= (a+b\theta) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= (a+b\theta) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-Mx}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left( -\frac{x}{1-Mx} \right)^n \right\} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n A_n(a+b\theta) \left\{ \frac{x^n}{(1-Mx)^{n+1/2}} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left\{ \frac{a+bn}{(1-Mx)^{1/2}} + \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})bx}{(1-Mx)^{3/2}} \right\} \left( -\frac{x}{1-Mx} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x = x_0$  we are done.

The example in the introduction is the case  $s = \frac{1}{6}$  and  $M = 1728$  of the hypergeometric case

$$a_n = M^n \frac{(1/2)_n (s)_n (1-s)_n}{n!^3}$$

Proving the transformation is a Maple exercise in each of the cases  $s = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}$ . E.g. in the case  $s = \frac{1}{6}$  one shows that both sides satisfy the differential equation

$$y''' + \frac{3(1-3456x)}{x(1-1728x)} y'' + \frac{1-11856x+20155392x^2}{x^2(1-1728x)^2} y' - \frac{24(31-93312x)}{x^2(1-1728x)^2} = 0$$

and checks that the first four coefficients agree.

**The case  $s = \frac{1}{3}$ .**

Here we have  $M = 108$  and

$$a_n = 108^n \frac{(1/2)_n (1/3)_n (2/3)_n}{n!^3} = \binom{2n}{n}^2 \binom{3n}{n}$$

with

$$A_n = 108^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-2/3}{k} \binom{-1/6}{k} \binom{-1/3}{n-k} \binom{-5/6}{n-k}$$

In the table below the fomula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a + bn) x_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

is transformed to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (A + Bn) w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

# in [6]	$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
4.16	$-\frac{1}{192}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{300}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{50}$	$\frac{16\sqrt{3}}{25}$
4.18	$-\frac{1}{1728}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{36}$	$\frac{17\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{1}{1836}$	$\frac{11\sqrt{51}}{306}$	$\frac{48\sqrt{51}}{153}$
4.20	$-\frac{1}{8640}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{12}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{15}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8748}$	$\frac{85\sqrt{3}}{486}$	$\frac{400\sqrt{3}}{243}$
4.21	$-\frac{1}{108 \cdot 2^{10}}$	$\frac{53\sqrt{3}}{288}$	$\frac{205\sqrt{3}}{96}$	$\frac{1}{110700}$	$\frac{527\sqrt{123}}{18450}$	$\frac{3072\sqrt{123}}{9225}$
-	$-\frac{1}{108 \cdot 3024}$	$\frac{13\sqrt{7}}{108}$	$\frac{55\sqrt{7}}{36}$	$\frac{1}{326700}$	$\frac{9989\sqrt{3}}{54450}$	$\frac{127008\sqrt{3}}{54450}$
4.22	$-\frac{1}{108 \cdot 500^2}$	$\frac{827\sqrt{3}}{4500}$	$\frac{4717\sqrt{3}}{1500}$	$\frac{1}{27000108}$	$\frac{97659\sqrt{267}}{4500018}$	$\frac{1500000\sqrt{267}}{4500018}$
4.17	$\frac{1}{1458}$	$\frac{8}{27}$	$\frac{20}{9}$	$-\frac{1}{1350}$	$\frac{52\sqrt{3}}{225}$	$\frac{36\sqrt{3}}{25}$
4.19	$\frac{1}{27 \cdot 125}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{45}$	$\frac{22\sqrt{3}}{45}$	$-\frac{1}{3267}$	$\frac{100\sqrt{15}}{1089}$	$\frac{250\sqrt{15}}{363}$
4.14	$-\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\frac{1}{135}$	$-\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{45}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{15}$

The last formula from columns 2-4 is divergent but results in the following supercongruence

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} a_n (4 + 15n) \frac{1}{(-27)^n} \equiv 4p \left( \frac{-3}{p} \right) \pmod{p^3}$$

conjectured by Z.W.Sun in [8].

**The case**  $s = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Here we have  $M = 256$  and

$$a_n = 256^n \frac{(1/2)_n (1/4)_n (3/4)_n}{n!^3} = \binom{2n}{n}^2 \binom{4n}{2n}$$

with

$$A_n = 256^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-1/8}{k} \binom{-5/8}{k} \binom{-3/8}{n-k} \binom{-7/8}{n-k}$$

# in [6]	$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
4.23	$-\frac{1}{1024}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{1280}$	$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{20}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}$
-	$-\frac{1}{63^2}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{65\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{1}{4225}$	$\frac{392\sqrt{7}}{4225}$	$\frac{3969\sqrt{7}}{4225}$
4.27	$-\frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^{12}}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{12544}$	$\frac{57}{196}$	$\frac{144}{49}$
4.29	$-\frac{1}{288^2}$	$\frac{23}{72}$	$260\frac{65}{18}$	$\frac{1}{83200}$	$\frac{113\sqrt{13}}{1300}$	$\frac{324\sqrt{13}}{325}$
-	$-\frac{1}{1280 \cdot 72^2}$	$\frac{41\sqrt{5}}{288}$	$644\frac{161\sqrt{5}}{72}$	$\frac{1}{6635776}$	$\frac{32995}{103684}$	$\frac{518400}{103684}$
-	$-\frac{1}{14112^2}$	$\frac{1123}{3528}$	$\frac{5365}{882}$	$\frac{1}{199148800}$	$\frac{162833\sqrt{37}}{3111700}$	$\frac{3111696\sqrt{37}}{3111700}$
4.26	$\frac{1}{648}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{14}{9}$	$-\frac{1}{392}$	$\frac{46}{49}$	$\frac{162}{49}$
4.25	$\frac{1}{48^2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2048}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8}$
4.28	$\frac{1}{144^2}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{2}}{9}$	$-\frac{1}{20480}$	$\frac{17\sqrt{10}}{80}$	$\frac{81\sqrt{10}}{40}$
4.30	$\frac{1}{784^2}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{49}$	$\frac{120\sqrt{3}}{49}$	$-\frac{1}{614400}$	$\frac{361\sqrt{2}}{1600}$	$\frac{2401\sqrt{2}}{800}$
4.31	$\frac{1}{16^2 \cdot 99^2}$	$\frac{19\sqrt{11}}{198}$	$\frac{140\sqrt{11}}{99}$	$-\frac{1}{2508800}$	$\frac{1331\sqrt{22}}{19600}$	$\frac{9801\sqrt{22}}{9800}$
-	$\frac{1}{16^2 \cdot 99^4}$	$\frac{2206\sqrt{2}}{9801}$	$\frac{52780\sqrt{2}}{9801}$	$-\frac{1}{24591257600}$	$\frac{8029841\sqrt{58}}{192119200}$	$\frac{192119202\sqrt{58}}{192119200}$
4.24	$-\frac{1}{144}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\frac{1}{400}$	$-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{25}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{25}$

The last Ramanujan-like formula is divergent (for a proof see Guillera [2]) but leads

to the conjectured supercongruence (already in [8])

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} a_n(1+5n) \frac{1}{(-144)^n} \equiv p \left( \frac{-3}{p} \right) \pmod{p^3}$$

**The case**  $s = \frac{1}{6}$ .

Here  $M = 1728$  and

$$a_n = 1728^n \frac{(1/2)_n (1/6)_n (5/6)_n}{n!^3} = \binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n} \binom{6n}{3n}$$

with

$$A_n = 1728^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-1/12}{k} \binom{-7/12}{k} \binom{-5/12}{n-k} \binom{-11/12}{n-k}$$

# in [6]	$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
4.33	$-\frac{1}{15^3}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{15}}{75}$	$\frac{21\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{1}{5103}$	$-\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{189}$	$\frac{125\sqrt{7}}{189}$
4.36	$-\frac{1}{32^3}$	$\frac{15\sqrt{2}}{64}$	$\frac{77\sqrt{2}}{32}$	$\frac{1}{34496}$	$\frac{39\sqrt{11}}{539}$	$\frac{512\sqrt{11}}{539}$
-	$-\frac{1}{3 \cdot 160^3}$	$\frac{93\sqrt{30}}{1600}$	$\frac{759\sqrt{30}}{800}$	$\frac{1}{12289728}$	$\frac{11751\sqrt{3}}{64009}$	$\frac{192000\sqrt{3}}{64009}$
4.35	$-\frac{1}{96^3}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{6}}{192}$	$\frac{57\sqrt{6}}{32}$	$\frac{1}{886464}$	$\frac{37\sqrt{19}}{513}$	$\frac{512\sqrt{19}}{513}$
-	$-\frac{1}{960^3}$	$\frac{263\sqrt{15}}{3200}$	$\frac{2709\sqrt{15}}{1600}$	$\frac{1}{884737728}$	$\frac{248853\sqrt{43}}{512001}$	$\frac{512000\sqrt{43}}{512001}$
-	$-\frac{1}{5280^3}$	$\frac{10177\sqrt{330}}{580800}$	$\frac{43617\sqrt{330}}{96800}$	$\frac{1}{147197953728}$	$\frac{3312613\sqrt{67}}{85184001}$	$\frac{85184000\sqrt{67}}{85184001}$
4.34	$\frac{1}{20^3}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{25}$	$\frac{28\sqrt{5}}{25}$	$-\frac{1}{6272}$	$\frac{24\sqrt{2}}{49}$	$\frac{125\sqrt{2}}{49}$
4.32	$\frac{4}{60^3}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{22\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$-\frac{1}{52272}$	$\frac{26}{121}$	$\frac{250}{121}$
4.37	$\frac{1}{66^3}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{33}}{363}$	$252 \frac{84\sqrt{33}}{121}$	$-\frac{1}{285768}$	$\frac{436}{1323}$	$\frac{5324}{1323}$
-	$\frac{1}{255^3}$	$\frac{144\sqrt{255}}{7225}$	$\frac{2394\sqrt{255}}{7225}$	$-\frac{1}{16579647}$	$\frac{73936\sqrt{7}}{614061}$	$\frac{1228250\sqrt{7}}{614061}$
-	$-\frac{1}{640320^3}$	$\frac{13591409\sqrt{10005}}{227897059584000}$	$\frac{90856689\sqrt{10005}}{37982843264000}$			

We have deleted the formula obtained from Chudnovsky's formula since it is in the Introduction.

So far we have only considered Ramanujan series with rational  $x_0$ , found in [1]. We give one example in case  $s = \frac{1}{3}$  with  $x_0 = \frac{1}{72}(7\sqrt{3} - 12)$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (1 + (5 + \sqrt{3})n) \left( \frac{7\sqrt{3} - 12}{72} \right)^n = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{\pi}$$

giving

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left\{ 2(27\sqrt{3} - 41) + 8(5 + \sqrt{3})n \right\} \left( \frac{15 - 14\sqrt{3}}{66^2} \right)^n = \frac{254 - 134\sqrt{3}}{\pi}$$

In the paper [7] by Z.W.Sun there are some formulas for  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  which are special cases of identities for the hypergeometric function

$$F(a, b; c; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!} x^n$$

Thus Theorem 1.1 (i) in [7] is the special cases  $s = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}$  of

**Proposition 2:**

We have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(s)_k (1-s)_k}{k!^2} \frac{(s)_{n-k} (1-s)_{n-k}}{(n-k)!^2} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(\pi s)$$

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= F(s, 1-s; 1; x)^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(s)_k (1-s)_k}{k!^2} \frac{(s)_{n-k} (1-s)_{n-k}}{(n-k)!^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(s)_k (1-s)_k}{k!^2} \frac{(s)_{n-k} (1-s)_{n-k}}{(n-k)!^2} \\ &= 2s(1-s)x \cdot F(s, 1-s; 1; x) \cdot F(1+s, 2-s; 2; x) \end{aligned}$$

Put  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and use the evaluation

$$F(a, b; \frac{a+b+1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{a+b+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{b+1}{2})}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \frac{1}{2} s(1-s) \pi \frac{\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{s}{2}) \Gamma(1 - \frac{s}{2})} \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{s}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{s}{2})} \\ &= s(1-s) \pi \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2}) \frac{s}{2} \Gamma(\frac{s}{2})} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{s}{2}) (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 4\pi \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi s}{2})}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\pi(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{2}))}{\pi} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin(\frac{\pi s}{2}) \cos(\frac{\pi s}{2}) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin(\pi s)$$

**Some other transformations.**

We start with proving Conjecture 4 in [6]. We have

**Proposition 3.** Let

$$A_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n-k} \binom{-s}{k} \binom{-(1-s)}{n-k}$$

Then the following formula is valid

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4x}} {}_3F_2(1/2, s, 1-s; 1, 1; -\frac{4x^2}{1+4x})$$

**Classical Proof:**

We first note the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{2k}{k} &= 4^k \frac{(1/2)_k}{k!} \\ \binom{-s}{k} &= (-1)^k \frac{(s)_k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(a)_0 = 1$  and

$$(a)_k = a(a+1)\dots(a+k-1) \text{ for } k > 0$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n-k} \binom{-s}{k} \binom{-(1-s)}{n-k} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1/2)_k (s)_k}{k!^2} \frac{(1/2)_{n-k} (1-s)_{n-k}}{(n-k)!^2} (-4x)^n \\ &= F(1/2, s; 1; -4x) F(1/2, 1-s; 1; -4x) \end{aligned}$$

Now Euler's identity

$$F(a, b; c; x) = (1-x)^{c-a-b} F(c-a, c-b; c; x)$$

leads to

$$F(1/2, 1-s; 1; -4x) = (1+4x)^{-1/2+s} F(1/2, s; 1; -4x)$$

Hence

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4x}} \left\{ (1+4x)^{s/2} F(1/2, s; 1; -4x) \right\}^2$$

Now we use the following identity (see [2], p.176, Exercise 1b)

$$F(2a, b; 2b; x) = (1-x)^{-a} F(a, b-a; b+1/2; \frac{x^2}{4(x-1)})$$

with  $a = s/2, b = 1/2$  to get

$$F(s, 1/2; 1; -4x) = (1+4x)^{-s/2} F(s/2, (1-s)/2; 1; -\frac{4x^2}{1+4x})$$

Finally Clausen's identity

$$F(a, b; a+b+1/2; x)^2 = F(2a, 2b, a+b; a+b+1/2, 2a+2b; x)$$

gives

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4x}} F(1/2, s, 1-s; 1, 1; -\frac{4x^2}{1+4x})$$

and the proof is finished.

**Maple Proof:**

Using Maple one verifies that both sides satisfy the differential equation

$$y''' + \frac{3(1+8x)}{x(1+4x)} y'' + \frac{1+28x+(108+16s-16s^2)x^2}{x^2(1+4x)^2} y' + \frac{2(1+(6+8s-8s^2)x)}{x^2(1+4x)^2} y = 0$$

Then we check that the first terms in the power series solutions agree.

**Proposition 4.** Let

$$a_n = \frac{(1/2)_n (s)_n (1-s)_n}{n!^3}$$

Given a formula for  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  of Ramanujan type

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a+bn) x_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

Let

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{2}(-x_0 \pm \sqrt{x_0^2 - x_0})$$

Then the transformation above gives the formulas

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (A+Bn) w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

where

$$A = \sqrt{1+4w_0} \left\{ a + \frac{bw_0}{1+2w_0} \right\}$$

$$B = \frac{b(1+4w_0)^{3/2}}{2(1+2w_0)}$$



**Proof:** We have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n w^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4w}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left(-\frac{w^2}{1+4w}\right)^n$$

Take  $A + B\theta$  on both sides (  $\theta = w \frac{d}{dw}$  )

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (A + Bn) w^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left\{ \frac{A}{\sqrt{1+4w}} + \frac{2B}{(1+4w)^{3/2}} (-w + (2w+1)n) \right\} \left(-\frac{w^2}{1+4w}\right)^n$$

Now put  $w = w_0$  so  $-\frac{w_0^2}{1+4w_0} = x_0$  and the right hand is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a + bn) x_0^n$ . We get

$$a = \frac{A}{\sqrt{1+4w_0}} - \frac{2Bw_0}{(1+4w_0)^{3/2}}$$

$$b = \frac{2B(2w_0+1)}{(1+4w_0)^{3/2}}$$

and solving for  $A$  and  $B$  we are done.

$$s = \frac{1}{2}$$

$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{2})$	$\frac{-3 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{-4 + 3\sqrt{2}}{2}$
$-\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{16}(1 \pm 3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 \pm 1)$	$\frac{1}{4}(5 \pm 3)$

$$s = \frac{1}{3}$$

$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
$-\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{3}{32}(3 \pm 5)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{32}(19 \pm 21)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}(17 \pm 15)$
$-\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{36}$	$\frac{17\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{1}{32}(1 \pm \sqrt{17})$	$\frac{17\sqrt{51} \pm 65\sqrt{3}}{288}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{51} \pm 17\sqrt{3}}{48}$
$-\frac{1}{80}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{12}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{15}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{160}(1 \pm 9)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{96}(19 \pm 11)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{48}(41 \pm 9)$
$-\frac{1}{1024}$	$\frac{53\sqrt{3}}{288}$	$\frac{205\sqrt{3}}{96}$	$\frac{1}{2048}(1 \pm 5\sqrt{41})$	$\frac{533\sqrt{123} \pm 721\sqrt{3}}{18432}$	$\frac{513\sqrt{123} \pm 205\sqrt{3}}{3072}$
$-\frac{1}{3024}$	$\frac{13\sqrt{7}}{108}$	$\frac{55\sqrt{7}}{36}$	$\frac{1}{6048}(1 \pm 55)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{7776}(1433 \pm 191)$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1296}(1513 \pm 55)$
$-\frac{1}{500^2}$	$\frac{827\sqrt{3}}{4500}$	$\frac{4717\sqrt{3}}{1500}$	$\frac{1}{500000}(1 \pm 53\sqrt{89})$	$\frac{17533\sqrt{267} \pm 3161\sqrt{3}}{900000}$	$\frac{125001\sqrt{267} \pm 4717\sqrt{3}}{750000}$

$$s = \frac{1}{4}$$

$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})$	$\frac{\pm 13 + 5\sqrt{5}}{16}$	$\frac{\pm 5 + 3\sqrt{5}}{4}$
$-(\frac{16}{63})^2$	$\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{65\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{8}{63^2}(16 \pm 65)$	$\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{49}(1 \pm 1)$	$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{7038}(4481 \pm 2080)$
$-\frac{1}{48}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{1}{96}(1 \pm 7)$	$\frac{1}{192}(23 \pm 17)$	$\frac{1}{48}(25 \pm 7)$
$-\frac{1}{324}$	$\frac{23}{72}$	$\frac{65}{18}$	$\frac{1}{648}(1 \pm 5\sqrt{13})$	$\frac{\pm 17 + 13\sqrt{13}}{144}$	$\frac{\pm 65 + 163\sqrt{13}}{324}$
$-\frac{1}{5 \cdot 72^2}$	$\frac{41\sqrt{5}}{288}$	$\frac{161\sqrt{5}}{72}$	$\frac{1}{51840}(1 \pm 161)$	$\frac{1}{6912}(2201 \pm 121)$	$\frac{1}{5184}(12961 \pm 161)$
$-\frac{1}{882^2}$	$\frac{1123}{3528}$	$\frac{5365}{882}$	$\frac{1}{1555848}(1 \pm 145\sqrt{37})$	$\frac{\pm 439 + 6031\sqrt{37}}{115248}$	$\frac{\pm 5365 + 388963\sqrt{37}}{777924}$

$$s = \frac{1}{6}$$

$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
$-(\frac{4}{5})^3$	$\frac{8\sqrt{15}}{75}$	$\frac{21\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{32 \pm 12\sqrt{21}}{125}$	$\frac{168\sqrt{7} \pm 316\sqrt{3}}{375}$	$\frac{253\sqrt{7} \pm 336\sqrt{3}}{250}$
$-(\frac{3}{8})^3$	$\frac{15\sqrt{2}}{64}$	$\frac{77\sqrt{2}}{32}$	$\frac{27 \pm 21\sqrt{33}}{1024}$	$\frac{33\sqrt{11} \pm 69\sqrt{3}}{256}$	$\frac{283\sqrt{11} \pm 231\sqrt{3}}{512}$
$-\frac{1}{512}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{6}}{192}$	$\frac{57\sqrt{6}}{32}$	$\frac{1 \pm 3\sqrt{57}}{1024}$	$\frac{57\sqrt{19} \pm 49\sqrt{3}}{768}$	$\frac{257\sqrt{19} \pm 57\sqrt{3}}{512}$
$-\frac{9}{40^3}$	$\frac{93\sqrt{30}}{1600}$	$\frac{759\sqrt{30}}{800}$	$\frac{9 \pm 759}{128000}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}(5889 \pm 639)}{32000}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}(96027 \pm 2277)}{64000}$
$-\frac{1}{80^3}$	$\frac{263\sqrt{15}}{3200}$	$\frac{2709\sqrt{15}}{1600}$	$\frac{1 \pm 63\sqrt{129}}{1024000}$	$\frac{12427\sqrt{43} \pm 743\sqrt{3}}{256000}$	$\frac{256001\sqrt{43} \pm 2709\sqrt{3}}{512000}$
$-\frac{1}{440^3}$	$\frac{10177\sqrt{330}}{580800}$	$\frac{43617\sqrt{330}}{96800}$	$\frac{1 \pm 651\sqrt{201}}{170368000}$	$\frac{4968921\sqrt{67} \pm 35257\sqrt{3}}{127776000}$	$\frac{42592001\sqrt{67} \pm 43617\sqrt{3}}{85184000}$
$-\frac{1}{53360^3}$	$\frac{13591409\sqrt{10005}}{227897059584000}$	$\frac{90856689\sqrt{10005}}{37982843264000}$	$\frac{1 \pm 557403\sqrt{489}}{303862746112000}$	$\frac{5681919113121\sqrt{163} \pm 71540369\sqrt{3}}{12160587099402240000}$	$\frac{75965686528001\sqrt{163} \pm 90856689\sqrt{3}}{8107058066268160000}$

This takes care of formulas 4.2-4.13 except 4.7 which comes from a divergent series with  $x_0 = -\frac{16}{9}$ . Note that we find a new formula with rational  $w_0$  for  $s = \frac{1}{6}$ .

**Remark:** Formula (4.11) in [6] is false. The right hand side should be  $\frac{162\sqrt{7}}{343\pi}$ .

Formula 4.1 is of different kind. It is a special case of

**Proposition 5.**

We have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-s}{k}^2 \binom{-(1-s)}{n-k}^2 x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} F(1/2, s, 1-s; 1, 1; -\frac{4x}{(1-x)^2})$$

**Classical Proof:**

The left hand side is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(s)_k^2}{k!^2} \frac{(1-s)_{n-k}^2}{(n-k)!^2} x^n = F(s, s; , 1; x) F(1-s, 1-s; 1; x) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} F(s, 1-s; 1; \frac{x}{x-1})^2 \end{aligned}$$

after using Pfaff's identity twice

$$F(a, b; c; x) = (1-x)^{-a} F(a, c-b; c; \frac{x}{x-1})$$

Now we use

$$F(2a, 2b; a+b+1/2; x) = F(a, b; a+b+1/2; 4x(1-x))$$

again to get

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{1}{1-x} F(s/2, (1-s)/2; 1; -\frac{4x}{(1-x)^2})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} F(1/2, s, 1-s; 1, 1; -\frac{4x}{(1-x)^2}) \end{aligned}$$

by Clausen's identity.

**Maple Proof:**

Both sides satisfy

$$y''' + \frac{3(2-5x)}{x(1-x)} y'' + \frac{1 - (10+s-s^2)x + (12+s-s^2)x^2}{x^2(1-x)^2} y' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2+s-s^2 - (6+3s-3s^2)x}{x^2(1-x)^2} y = 0$$

Then we check the first terms in the power series.

Let

$$a_n = \frac{(1/2)_n (s)_n (1-s)_n}{n!^3}$$

and

$$A_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-s}{k}^2 \binom{-(1-s)}{n-k}^2$$

Then copying the proof of Proposition 4 we get for every formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a + bn) x_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

a new formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (A + Bn) w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

where

$$w_0 = 1 - \frac{2}{x_0} (1 - \sqrt{1-x_0})$$

$$A = (1 - w_0)\left(a - \frac{bw_0}{1 + w_0}\right)$$

$$B = \frac{b(1 - w_0)^2}{1 + w_0}$$

We give only the rational  $w_0$

$s$	$x_0$	$a$	$b$	$w_0$	$A$	$B$
$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{9}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$-(\frac{16}{63})^2$	$\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{65\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{7}}{64}$	$\frac{63\sqrt{7}}{64}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{32}{81}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{14}{9}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{9}{4}$

The formulas (2.2)-(2.4) in [6] due to the twin brother Z.H.Sun are special cases of the following

**Proposition 6:** We have

$$F(s, 1 - s; 1; \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - x}))^2 = F(\frac{1}{2}, s, 1 - s; 1, 1; x)$$

**Classical Proof:**

Solving for  $x$  we have the equivalent statement

$$F(s, 1 - s; 1; w)^2 = F(\frac{1}{2}, s, 1 - s; 1, 1; 4w(1 - w))$$

Using (formula 3.1.3, p.125 in [2])

$$F(2a, 2b; a + b + 1/2; w) = F(a, b; a + b + 1/2; 4w(1 - w))$$

we get

$$F(s, 1 - s; 1; w)^2 = F(s/2, (1 - s)/2; 1; 4w(1 - w))^2$$

and finish by Clausen's identity.

**Maple Proof:**

One verifies that both sides satisfy the differential equation

$$y''' + \frac{3}{2} \frac{2 - 3x}{x(1 - x)} y'' + \frac{1 - (3 + s - s^2)x}{x^2(1 - x)} y' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{s(1 - s)}{x^2(1 - x)} y = 0$$

One expands both sides in power series and checks the first few coefficients.

Theorem 1.3 in [7] is a special case of the following transformation.

Let

$$A_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(s)_k (1 - s)_k (s)_{n-k} (1 - s)_{n-k}}{k!^2 (n - k)!^2}$$

so

$$F(s, 1 - s; 1; x)^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n x^n$$

so we have the following result.

**Proposition 7.**

Assume we have a formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/2)_n (s)_n (1-s)_n}{n!^3} (a + bn) x_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (A + Bn) w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

where

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - x_0})$$

and

$$A = a$$

$$B = b \frac{1 - w_0}{1 - 2w_0}$$

**Proof:** Let  $\theta = x \frac{d}{dx}$  and  $a_n = \frac{(1/2)_n (s)_n (1-s)_n}{n!^3}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (a + bn) x^n &= (a + b\theta) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= (a + b\theta) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left(\frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-x})\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left(a + \frac{bn}{2\sqrt{1-x}(1 - \sqrt{1-x})}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-x})\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x = x_0$  we get

$$A = a$$

and

$$B = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{1-x_0}(1 - \sqrt{1-x_0})} = b \frac{1 - w_0}{1 - 2w_0}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}$$

$x_0$	$w_0$	$a = A$	$b$	$B$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{4}$
$\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{7}}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	$\frac{21}{8}$	$\frac{21 + 8\sqrt{7}}{16}$
$-1$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2$	$\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}$
$-\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{8}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{4 + 3\sqrt{2}}{4}$

$$s = \frac{1}{3}$$

$x_0$	$w_0$	$a = A$	$b$	$B$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}}{9}$
$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{18}$	$\frac{8}{27}$	$\frac{20}{9}$	$\frac{10 + 6\sqrt{3}}{9}$
$\frac{4}{125}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{11\sqrt{5}}{50}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{45}$	$\frac{22\sqrt{3}}{45}$	$\frac{11\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{15}}{15}$
$-\frac{9}{16}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8}$
$-\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{17}}{8}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{36}$	$\frac{17\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{17\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{51}}{24}$
$-\frac{1}{80}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{40}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{12}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{15}}{4}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{15}}{24}$
$-\frac{1}{1024}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5\sqrt{41}}{64}$	$\frac{53\sqrt{3}}{288}$	$\frac{205\sqrt{3}}{96}$	$\frac{205\sqrt{3} + 32\sqrt{123}}{192}$
$-\frac{1}{3024}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{55\sqrt{21}}{504}$	$\frac{13\sqrt{7}}{108}$	$\frac{55\sqrt{7}}{36}$	$\frac{84\sqrt{3} + 55\sqrt{7}}{72}$
$-\frac{1}{500^2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{53\sqrt{89}}{1000}$	$\frac{827\sqrt{3}}{4500}$	$\frac{4717\sqrt{3}}{1500}$	$\frac{4717\sqrt{3} + 500\sqrt{267}}{3000}$

$$s = \frac{1}{4}$$

$x_0$	$w_0$	$a = A$	$b$	$B$
$\frac{32}{81}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{14}{9}$	$\frac{16}{9}$
$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\frac{4\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{6}}{6}$
$\frac{1}{81}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{9}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{2}}{9}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{2} + 9\sqrt{10}}{18}$
$\frac{1}{49^2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{49}$	$\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{49}$	$\frac{120\sqrt{3}}{49}$	$\frac{147\sqrt{2} + 120\sqrt{3}}{98}$
$\frac{1}{99^2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{35\sqrt{2}}{99}$	$\frac{19\sqrt{11}}{198}$	$\frac{140\sqrt{11}}{99}$	$\frac{140\sqrt{11} + 99\sqrt{22}}{198}$
$\frac{1}{99^4}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{910\sqrt{29}}{9801}$	$\frac{2206\sqrt{2}}{9801}$	$\frac{52780\sqrt{2}}{9801}$	$\frac{52780\sqrt{2} + 9801\sqrt{58}}{19602}$
$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{5 + 2\sqrt{5}}{4}$
$-(\frac{16}{63})^2$	$-\frac{1}{63}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{65\sqrt{7}}{63}$	$\frac{64\sqrt{7}}{63}$
$-\frac{1}{48}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{24}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16}$	$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{4}$	$\frac{12 + 7\sqrt{3}}{8}$
$-\frac{1}{324}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5\sqrt{13}}{36}$	$\frac{23}{72}$	$\frac{65}{18}$	$\frac{65 + 18\sqrt{13}}{36}$
$-\frac{1}{5 \cdot 72^2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{161\sqrt{5}}{720}$	$\frac{41\sqrt{5}}{288}$	$\frac{161\sqrt{5}}{72}$	$\frac{360 + 161\sqrt{5}}{144}$
$-\frac{1}{882^2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{145\sqrt{37}}{1764}$	$\frac{1123}{3528}$	$\frac{5365}{882}$	$\frac{5365 + 882\sqrt{37}}{1764}$

$$s = \frac{1}{6}$$

$x_0$	$w_0$	$a = A$	$b$	$B$
$\frac{27}{125}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{50}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{25}$	$\frac{28\sqrt{5}}{25}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{2} + 14\sqrt{5}}{25}$
$\frac{4}{125}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{11\sqrt{5}}{50}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{22\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{3} + 11\sqrt{15}}{25}$
$\frac{8}{11^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{21\sqrt{33}}{242}$	$\frac{20\sqrt{33}}{363}$	$\frac{84\sqrt{33}}{121}$	$2 + \frac{42\sqrt{33}}{121}$
$\frac{64}{85^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{171\sqrt{1785}}{14450}$	$\frac{144\sqrt{255}}{7225}$	$\frac{2394\sqrt{255}}{7225}$	$\sqrt{7} + \frac{1197\sqrt{255}}{7225}$
$-(\frac{4}{5})^3$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{105}}{50}$	$\frac{8\sqrt{15}}{75}$	$\frac{21\sqrt{15}}{25}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{7} + 21\sqrt{15}}{50}$
$-(\frac{3}{8})^3$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7\sqrt{22}}{64}$	$\frac{15\sqrt{2}}{64}$	$\frac{77\sqrt{2}}{32}$	$\frac{77\sqrt{2} + 32\sqrt{11}}{64}$
$-\frac{1}{8^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{114}}{64}$	$\frac{25\sqrt{6}}{192}$	$\frac{57\sqrt{6}}{32}$	$\frac{57\sqrt{6} + 32\sqrt{19}}{64}$
$-\frac{9}{40^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{253\sqrt{10}}{1600}$	$\frac{93\sqrt{30}}{1600}$	$\frac{759\sqrt{30}}{800}$	$\frac{2400\sqrt{3} + 759\sqrt{30}}{1600}$
$-\frac{1}{80^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{63\sqrt{645}}{3200}$	$\frac{263\sqrt{15}}{3200}$	$\frac{2709\sqrt{15}}{1600}$	$\frac{2709\sqrt{15} + 1600\sqrt{43}}{3200}$
$-\frac{1}{440^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{651\sqrt{22110}}{193600}$	$\frac{10177\sqrt{330}}{580800}$	$\frac{43617\sqrt{330}}{96800}$	$\frac{96800\sqrt{67} + 43617\sqrt{330}}{193600}$
$-\frac{1}{53360^3}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{651\sqrt{22110}}{193600}$	$\frac{13591409\sqrt{10005}}{227897059584000}$	$\frac{90856689\sqrt{10005}}{37982843264000}$	see below

In the last row

$$B = \frac{711822400\sqrt{163} + 90856689\sqrt{10005}}{75965686528000}$$

**Remark:** When  $x_0$  is positive then we get a (slowly) convergent series with  $\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 - x_0})$  but the sum is not  $\frac{1}{\pi}$  (rather a negative multiple of it ). Why?

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### Appendix: A class of slowly converging series for $1/\pi$ .

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In the final remark Almkvist and Aycock ask why, when one considers the power series at  $w_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 - x_0})$ , instead of at  $w_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - x_0})$ , one gets formulas for negative multiples of  $\frac{1}{\pi}$ . Here we shall prove such formulas in the cases  $s = 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/6$  in Proposition 7.

Following [2] we set

$$F(t) = F(s, t) = {}_2F_1(s, 1 - s; 1; t),$$

$$G(t) = t \frac{dF}{dt},$$

and let for  $s = 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/6$   $t(\tau) = t_N(\tau)$  be given by

$$t_4(\tau) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(4\tau)}\right)^8\right)^{-1}, \quad t_3(\tau) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{27} \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(3\tau)}\right)^{12}\right)^{-1},$$

$$t_2(\tau) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{64} \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2\tau)}\right)^{24}\right)^{-1}, \quad t_1(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1728}{j(\tau)}}.$$

Let  $U$  be the connected component of  $\{\tau \in \mathbf{C} \mid \Im(\tau) > 0, |t(\tau)| < 1\}$  which contains all  $\tau$  with sufficiently large imaginary part, a "neighborhood of  $i\infty$ ". Let  $\tau_0 \in U$  such that

$$w_0 = t(\tau_0), \quad w_1 = 1 - t(\tau_0) \tag{1}$$

satisfy

$$|w_0| < 1, \quad |w_1| < 1. \tag{2}$$

In the Ramanujan-type formulas,  $\tau_0$  is usually a quadratic irrationality. Let  $A_n$  be defined by the power series expansions

$$F^2(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n t^n, \tag{3}$$

as in Proposition 7. Set

$$C_s = \frac{1}{2 \sin(\pi s)}. \tag{4}$$

**Theorem 1** *Assume that there is an identity*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (A + Bn) A_n w_0^n = \frac{C}{\pi}, \tag{5}$$

*equivalently*

$$AF^2(w_0) + 2BF(w_0)G(w_0) = \frac{C}{\pi}. \tag{6}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\hat{A} + \hat{B}n) A_n w_1^n = \frac{\hat{C}}{\pi}, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= A, \\ \hat{B} &= -B \frac{w_0}{w_1}, \\ \hat{C} &= \frac{C \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right)^2}{C_s^2} - \frac{B \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right)}{C_s^2 w_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

**Proof.** By formulas (8), (9) in [2] we have, for  $\tau \in U$ ,

$$\tau = i C_s \frac{F(1-t)}{F(t)}, \quad (9)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = q \frac{dt}{dq} = t(1-t)F^2(t), \quad (10)$$

where  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ . Take  $\frac{1}{2\pi i}$  times the logarithmic derivative with respect to  $\tau$  in (9):

$$\frac{\frac{dF}{dt}(1-t) \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{dt}{d\tau}}{F(1-t)} - \frac{\frac{dF}{dt} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{dt}{d\tau}}{F(t)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i \tau}.$$

Substitute (10) to obtain

$$-\frac{G(1-t)tF^2(t)}{F(1-t)} - G(t)(1-t)F(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i \tau}.$$

Multiply by  $2i\tau$  and substitute (9):

$$2C_s t G(1-t)F(t) + 2 \left( \frac{\tau}{i} \right) (1-t)G(t)F(t) = \frac{1}{\pi}. \quad (11)$$

Evaluate (11) at  $\tau = \tau_0$ :

$$2C_s w_0 G(w_1)F(w_0) + 2 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right) w_1 G(w_0)F(w_0) = \frac{1}{\pi}. \quad (12)$$

By assumption (6)

$$2BF(w_0)G(w_0) = \frac{C}{\pi} - AF^2(w_0), \quad (13)$$

and eliminating  $F(w_0)G(w_0)$  by (12), (13) we have

$$2BC_s w_0 G(w_1)F(w_0) - A \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right) w_1 F^2(w_0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( B - C \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right) w_1 \right).$$

Substitute  $F(w_0) = \left( \frac{i}{\tau_0} \right) C_s F(w_1)$  from (9) to obtain

$$-A \left( \frac{i}{\tau_0} \right) C_s^2 w_1 F^2(w_1) + 2B \left( \frac{i}{\tau_0} \right) C_s^2 w_0 F(w_1)G(w_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( B - C \left( \frac{\tau_0}{i} \right) w_1 \right).$$

Dividing by  $-\left(\frac{i}{\tau_0}\right) C_s^2 w_1$  we get

$$AF^2(w_1) - 2B \frac{w_0}{w_1} F(w_1) G(w_1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{C \left(\frac{\tau_0}{i}\right)^2}{C_s^2} - \frac{B \left(\frac{\tau_0}{i}\right)}{C_s^2 w_1} \right),$$

which is equivalent to (7). ■

**Remark.** The arguments in the proof above are analogous to some arguments in the proof of [1] Theorem 2.1.

Theorem 1 applies to all of the identities in the Tables following Proposition 7 where  $x_0 > 0$ . We present 4 examples of such.

**Example 1.** In case  $s = \frac{1}{4}, \tau_0 = i$  we have  $w_0 = t_2(i) = \frac{1}{9}$ , and there is in [4], (1.12) the identity

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+8n) A_n \frac{1}{9^n} = \frac{9}{2\pi}, \quad (14)$$

where

$$A_n = \frac{1}{64^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{4k}{2k} \binom{2(n-k)}{n-k} \binom{4(n-k)}{2(n-k)}. \quad (15)$$

In this case

$$A = 1, \quad B = 8, \quad C = \frac{9}{2}, \quad C_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},$$

and we obtain

$$w_1 = \frac{8}{9},$$

$$\hat{A} = 1, \quad \hat{B} = -1, \quad \hat{C} = -9,$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-n) A_n \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^n = -\frac{9}{\pi}, \quad (16)$$

which proves [3], (2.10).

**Example 2.** In case  $s = \frac{1}{4}, \tau_0 = \frac{\sqrt{58}}{2}i$  we have

$$w_0 = t_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{58}}{2}i\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{910}{9801}\sqrt{29},$$

and there is in Proposition 7, Table  $s = \frac{1}{4}$ , the identity

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2206\sqrt{2}}{9801} + \frac{52780\sqrt{2} + 9801\sqrt{58}}{19602} n \right) A_n w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}, \quad (17)$$

where  $A_n$  is as in (15). In this case

$$C_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad w_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{910}{9801}\sqrt{29},$$

and we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2206\sqrt{2}}{9801} + \frac{52780\sqrt{2} - 9801\sqrt{58}}{19602} n \right) A_n w_1^n = -\frac{29}{\pi}. \quad (18)$$

**Example 3.** In case  $s = \frac{1}{2}, \tau_0 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$  we have

$$w_0 = t_4 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4},$$

and there is in Proposition 7, Table  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ , the identity

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3+2\sqrt{3}}{4}n \right) A_n w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}, \quad (19)$$

where

$$A_n = \frac{1}{16^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k}^2 \binom{2(n-k)}{n-k}^2. \quad (20)$$

In this case

$$C_s = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4},$$

and we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3-2\sqrt{3}}{4}n \right) A_n w_1^n = -\frac{3}{\pi}. \quad (21)$$

**Example 4.** In case  $s = \frac{1}{6}, \tau_0 = \sqrt{7}i$  we have

$$w_0 = t_1 \left( \sqrt{7}i \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{171}{14450} \sqrt{1785},$$

and there is in Proposition 7, Table  $s = \frac{1}{6}$  the identity

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (A + Bn) A_n w_0^n = \frac{1}{\pi}, \quad (22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{144\sqrt{255}}{7225}, \quad B = \sqrt{7} + \frac{1197\sqrt{255}}{7225}, \\ A_n &= \frac{1}{432^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3(n-k)}{n-k} \binom{6(n-k)}{3(n-k)}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

In this case

$$C_s = 1, \quad w_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{171}{14450} \sqrt{1785},$$

and we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\hat{A} + \hat{B}n) A_n w_1^n = -\frac{7}{\pi}, \quad (24)$$

where

$$\hat{A} = A, \quad \hat{B} = -\sqrt{7} + \frac{1197\sqrt{255}}{7225}.$$

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